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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Secretary of Defense

SUBJECT: ABM Intelligence Study

To respond to a BoB request, in January of this year we established a joint ABM Study Group comprised of representatives from CIA, State, and DoD. DoD is represented by DDR&E, DIA, SA, and NSA. The objective of this study is to identify ABM needs and compare alternative programs to meet these needs.

The Study Group agreed to the following study outline and schedule. Each organization was assigned responsibility for obtaining the specific data for which his organization is generally responsible.

Phase I -	Identification of consumer information needs	30 March 1968
Phase II -	Relate information needs to observables	15 April 1968
Phase III -	Relate observables to collection systems	30 April 1968
Phase IV -	Collector system costs and schedules	15 May 1968
Phase V -	Alternative program comparisons	30 May 1968

As of now the Study Group is over one month behind schedule. While there is probably no single cause for this, I believe that the primary factor is a misunderstanding of the priority and importance placed on this effort by BoB and by myself. Unless the Study Group is able to move forward rapidly, I will have to abandon the joint approach and accomplish the study within my own resources. I recognize the value of solving problems jointly, nevertheless, the importance of resource decisions facing us justifies a considerably larger effort than is currently being expended.